

REMARKS

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-26, and add new claims 27-44. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 27-44 will be pending in the application. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the Specification and in originally filed claims 1-26.

For example, support for the new claims can be found as follows: new claim **27** - original claim 1, page 4, lines 5-7, and page 5, lines 9-11; new claim **28** - original claim 1; new claim **29** - original claim 1; new claim **30** - original claim 3; new claim **31** - original claim 4; new claim **32** - original claim 5; new claim **33** - original claim 6; new claim **34** - page 8, lines 12-14; new claim **35** - original claim 2; new claim **36** - original claim 9; new claim **37** - original claim 10; new claim **38** - original claim 13; new claim **39** - original claim 14; new claim **40** - original claim 14; new claim **41** - page 14, lines 2-9; new claim **42** - original claim 21; new claim **43** - original claim 6; and new claim **44** - original claim 25.

CONCLUSION

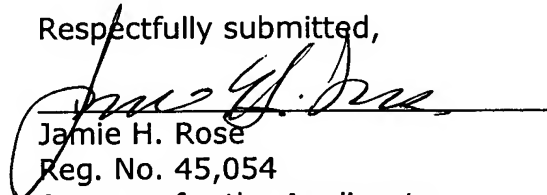
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and allow all pending claims, i.e., claims 27-44. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any issues regarding this matter.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessitated by this Preliminary Amendment. In the event, however, that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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